

District who answered the call to serve their Nation honorably, both in uniform and following their return to civilian life. The recipients of the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation exemplify the time-honored qualities of patriotism, service before self, and bold leadership. Following their time in service, their efforts in our community have earned these fine individuals recognition as the recipients of this prestigious commendation. Their stories of sacrifice will encourage future generations to pursue a life dedicated to the very values we cherish as Americans: faith, freedom, and democracy. One such hero is Lieutenant General John Campbell of McKinney, Texas.

A native of Henderson, Kentucky, Lieutenant General John Campbell was commissioned through the Air Force ROTC in 1969 while at the University of Kentucky. For the next three decades, Campbell served with distinction in unique assignments which took him all over the world, including serving as the first F-15 instructor pilot with the Royal Saudi Air Force, as the Commander of the 57th Fighter Interceptor Squadron based at Keflavik Naval Air Station in Iceland, and as the Commander of the 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy during Operation DENY FLIGHT, the air policing of the Balkans. While serving in the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Campbell was appointed as the first Commander of what later became known as the U.S. Cyber Command. In 2000, he would assume his final military assignment, serving as the Associate Director of Central Intelligence for the CIA at Langley where he was credited with the development of one of the most effective counterterrorism programs in government.

General Campbell earned numerous military and intelligence community awards, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster, NATO Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and the CIA's Distinguished Intelligence Medal, to name just a few.

In 2012, General Campbell, or "Soup" as he is widely known by, and his wife of fifty years, Marky, relocated to McKinney. Campbell wasted no time in forming deep roots within the community, holding positions as the President of the Air Force Association, Board of Directors for Smiles Charity, director of the veterans ministry in his church, and serving within his homeowners association. John and Murky are the proud parents to three children, Rachel, Elizabeth and Matthew, as well as five grandchildren. General Campbell is the epitome of a servant leader who has used his many experiences to the betterment of his fellow man.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Lieutenant General Campbell for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

## TECHNIQUES LLC

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Techniques LLC for earning the City of Northglenn's Large Business of the Year Award.

The Large Business of the Year Award is given to a large business that has made outstanding contributions for the betterment of the community. Since the 1970's, Techniques has been an esteemed provider of high precision machined components and assemblies, serving industries ranging from aerospace to dental. With decades of experience and a loyal clientele, Techniques is known for exceeding expectations and needs.

Congratulations to Techniques LLC for receiving this award and I wish them all the best in the future. I thank them for their contribution to our community.

## CELEBRATING FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

### HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, each year our country recognizes October as Filipino American History Month, a time for all Americans to celebrate the incredible past, present and future of our fellow citizens whose heritage lies in the great country of the Philippines.

I am especially humbled to do so as the Representative of Hawaii's First Congressional District, where some 195,000 Filipino Americans live, more than any other of our 435 districts throughout the country. With Hawaii's Second Congressional District with the second largest Filipino Americans population, at about 175,000, our Fil-Am community in Hawaii stands at 370,000. In total, fully a quarter of all Hawaii residents are Filipino Americans, by far the largest percentage of any state or territory.

We observe Filipino American History Month in October because the first recorded arrival of Filipinos in the continental United States took place on October 18, 1587, when the "Luzones Indios" came ashore from the Manila-built galleon Nuestra Señora de Esperanza in Morro Bay, California. And in 1906, 115 years ago, the first fifteen sakada (contract laborers) arrived in Honolulu from the Philippines aboard the SS Doric, marking the first sustained immigration into our country and the humble beginnings of Fil-Ams in Hawaii. Today our Fil-Am community numbers some four million throughout our country, now the second largest of our Asian American groups.

Hawaii Fil-Ams in particular have been trailblazers in politics and government, the military, business and entrepreneurship, journalism, popular culture, music and the arts and more.

Peter Aduja became the first Fil-Am elected to public office in the United States when he was elected to the Hawaii Territorial House of Representatives in 1954.

Alfred Laureta became the first-ever federal judge of Filipino ancestry. He was born in

'Ewa, graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and was later nominated and confirmed by our own Senator Daniel Inouye in July 1978.

Benjamin Menor became the first Fil-Am higher court judge as associate justice of the Hawaii State Supreme Court.

Ben Cayetano was the first Filipino American governor of a state in our union.

Major General Antonio Taguba was the second Filipino American promoted to general officer rank in the United States Army.

Eddie Flores Jr. bought the first L&L Drive-Inn on Liliha Street in Honolulu in 1976, turning it into a national franchise.

Carolina Dizon Wong was the first Filipino American woman to obtain an M.D. degree.

Ines Cayaban was the first Filipino American graduate of the School of Public Health, Nursing and Social Work at the University of Hawaii. She received the prestigious Jefferson Award in 1986 for her service to Hawaii.

Francisco Flores Trinidad Jr., of Honolulu, better known by his pen name "Corky," was an award-winning editorial cartoonist of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin who became the first Asian editorial cartoonist syndicated in the U.S.

A loyal veteran of the 1st Filipino Infantry Regiment that fought alongside our troops in the Philippines during World War II, Domingo Los Banos was Hawaii's first Filipino American school principal.

Roy Macaraeg became the first Fil-Am to become a general officer in the history of Hawaii's citizen soldier ranks.

In Hawaii, we also regularly honor the over 250,000 Filipinos who answered the call to protect and defend America and the Philippines in the Pacific theater. In 2016, President Obama signed into law the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act to bestow Congress's highest honor upon those veterans.

Each and all of these lives of achievement are but a small sampling of a broader community that has achieved so much and contributed so much to the rich fabric of our country. And the story of Filipino Americans is still in its early chapters.

Why, however, is it important that we take the time to recognize groups like Filipino Americans? To that, I respond that the story of Filipino Americans, and to an extent, the stories of all of our various ethnic groups, is the story of America. From very humble beginnings, they have risen through hard work, sacrifice, commitment to advancing the next generations and mutual support to achieve so much already. That well describes Filipino Americans overall, that and embracing the responsibilities and opportunities of America while honoring and treasuring the rich heritage of their ancestral homeland.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen the ways that Asian Americans, including Filipino Americans, have been disproportionately affected by health and social situations. Filipino American nurses, despite making up just 4 percent of the nurse workforce, have accounted for about 25 percent of COVID-19 related deaths among all nurses. This is telling sign of the sacrifices they are making for our country.

Sadly, this community is not receiving the respect it deserves and facing senseless discrimination. As of August of this year, more than 9,000 Anti-Asian incidents have been reported since the pandemic began, with many